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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/627,529	RUDELL ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jerome W Donnelly	3764	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-9 and 11-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevens in view of Reid et al.

Stevens discloses a device used for jump rope exercises comprising a housing in the form of a driving station, a hub assembly including elements, 150, 156 and 158 and indicator (116) in the form of a counter and a crank arm 48.

The motor being attached to the housing, the hub being attached to the motor through belt (34) and the hub being attached to the jumping element through the crank.

In regard to claim 7 and 17 note spring 58

In regard to claims directed to indicators, times, diodes speakers, activation means modes and mechanical inputs the examiner note that these limitations, programming capabilities are obvious in view of the general state of the art and further in view of the technical disclosures of Reid et al.

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Claims 10 and 20-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rudell et al in view of Reid et al.

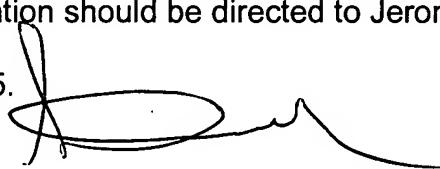
Rudell et al discloses the device of claims 10-11 substantially as claim absent the device including a timer and an indicator.

Reid et al teaches providing timers and indicators as claimed.

Given the above teachings of Reid et al of providing timers, the examiner notes that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a timer in conjunction with the device of Rudell et al for the purpose of allowing a user to time the exercise routine.

The method of claims 20-31 of a user counting aloud saying (1-2-3 go), commonly used when jumping into a jump rope routine is known in the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerome Donnelly at telephone number (571) 272-4975.



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